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HURRY! THE CONTROL UNITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HIDDEN ON THAT WORLD!
THEY MUST BE FOUND-- AND QUICKLY!
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BUT, AS THE GIANT STARSHIP LANDS, IT FINDS ITSELF SUDDENLY SURROUNDED BY CRACK U.S. TROOPS...
SIR, WHAT IS THAT THING? OUR SHELLS JUST BOUNCE OFF IT!
WHATEVER IT IS, PRIVATE, WE'VE GOT ORDERS TO OPEN IT AND SEE IF IT'S DANGEROUS!

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SUDDENLY, AS A DOOR SLIDES OPEN ON THE SIDE OF THE SPACE CRUISER...
ARE YOU EARTHLINGS ALL FOOLS? WHY DO YOU ATTACK US WITHOUT REASON?
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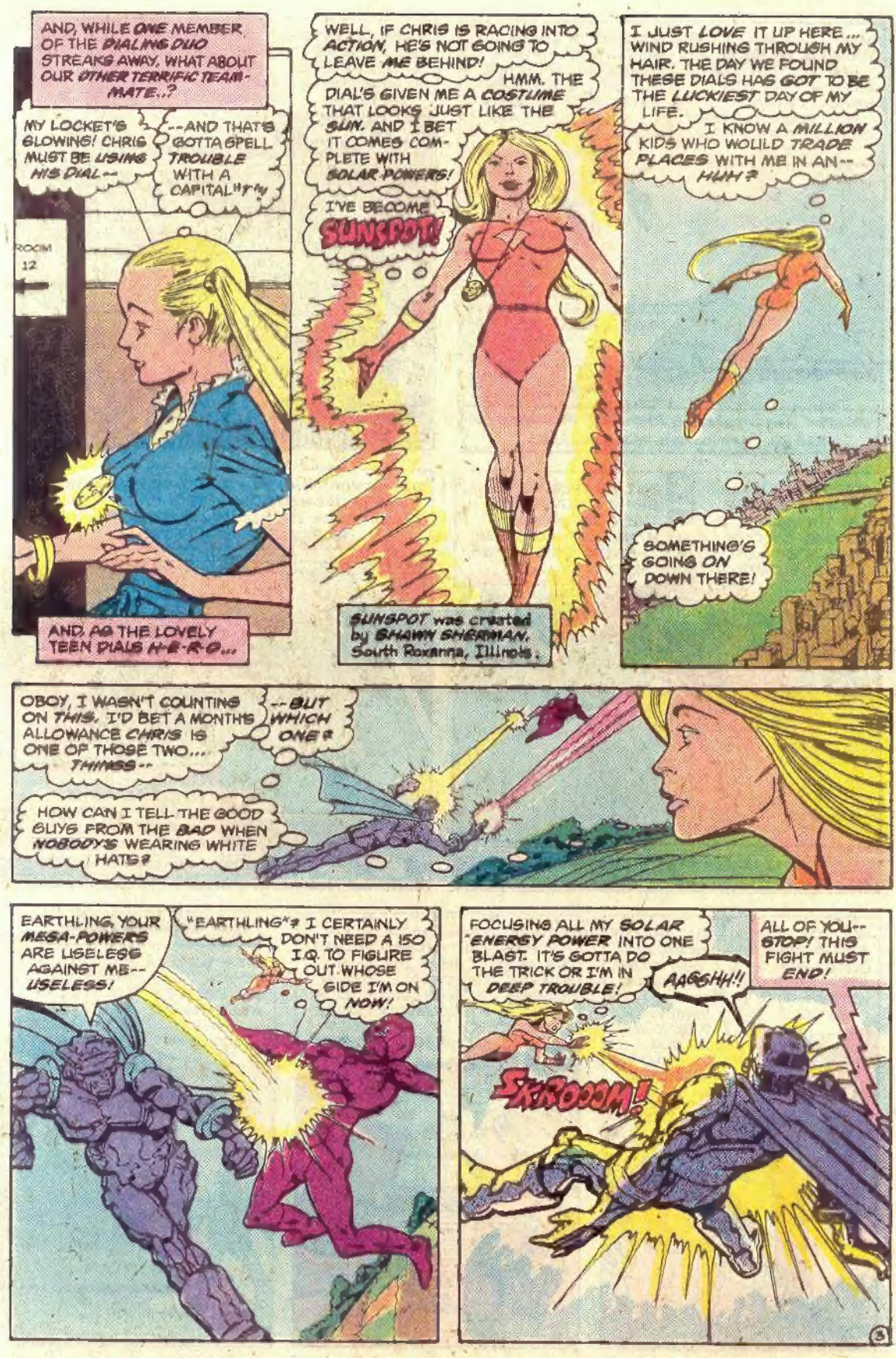
SKREEL
THE FLYING BUTTRESS was created by STEVE MATTSON, Age 17, Portland, Oregon.
MEANWHILE, YOU HAVE A MISSION THAT CANNOT BE DELAYED!
THE SAFETY OF OUR WORLD DEPENDS ON ITS SUCCESS!
GRIMLY, THE METALLIC WARRIOR TAKES TO THE SKIES...
...WHILE, A FEW MILES AWAY, IN THE HALLS OF HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH...
HEY, ROG, HOW'S IT GOING?
INNNN-CREDIBLE! YOU JUST GOTTA HEAR THIS! THEY SAY THERE'S A REAL SPACESHIP RIGHT OUTSIDE A TOWN ...AND IT ATTACKED OUR ARMY.
IT'S GOTTA BE A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR SOME MOVIE!
HEY, GOTTA SPLIT, MAN. AN' DON'T FORGET-- DINNER TONIGHT AT MY PLACE!
I WON'T FORGET, AND THANKS, ROGER.
SPACESHIPS? HERE IN FAIRFAX? A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO I'D'VE SAID ROG WAS CRAZY!
BUT, SINCE I FOUND THIS SUPER DIAL, WELL, I CAN BELIEVE ANYTHING!
SPEAKING OF THE DIAL, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT'LL TURN ME INTO THIS TIME!
THE EXCITED TEEN DIALS THE LETTERS H-E-R-O...
AND...
SUPER DIAL, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!
I CAN FEEL ENERGY POURING RIGHT THROUGH ME... LIKE I'M A LIVING DYNAMO!
I'M SHOOTING OUT MEGA BLASTS... POWERFUL ENOUGH TO PROPEL ME THROUGH THE SKY!
WOW!! I'VE BECOME MEGABOY! AND I BET NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
MEGABOY was created by DAVID CASON, age 11, Lagrange, Georgia.


AND, WHILE ONE MEMBER OF THE DIALING DUO STREAKS AWAY, WHAT ABOUT OUR OTHER TERRIFIC TEAM-MATE..?
MY LOCKET'S GLOWING! CHRIS MUST BE USING HIS DIAL--
--AND THAT'S GOTTA SPELL TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL "T"!
ROOM 12
AND AS THE LOVELY TEEN DIALS H-E-R-O...
WELL, IF CHRIS IS RACING INTO ACTION, HE'S NOT GOING TO LEAVE ME BEHIND!
HMM. THE DIAL'S GIVEN ME A COSTUME THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE SUN. AND I BET IT COMES COMPLETE WITH SOLAR POWERS!
I'VE BECOME SUNSPOT!
SUNSPOT was created by SHAWN SHERMAN, South Roxanna, Illinois.
I JUST LOVE IT UP HERE... WIND RUSHING THROUGH MY HAIR. THE DAY WE FOUND THESE DIALS HAS GOT TO BE THE LUCKIEST DAY OF MY LIFE.
I KNOW A MILLION KIDS WHO WOULD TRADE PLACES WITH ME IN AN-- HUH?
SOMETHING'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!
OBOY, I WASN'T COUNTING ON THIS. I'D BET A MONTH'S ALLOWANCE CHRIS IS ONE OF THOSE TWO... THINGS--
--BUT WHICH ONE?
HOW CAN I TELL THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD WHEN NOBODY'S WEARING WHITE HATS?
EARTHLING, YOUR MESA-POWERS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME-- USELESS!
"EARTHLING"? I CERTAINLY DON'T NEED A 150 I.Q. TO FIGURE OUT WHOSE SIDE I'M ON NOW!
FOCUSING ALL MY SOLAR "ENERGY POWER" INTO ONE BLAST. IT'S GOTTA DO THE TRICK OR I'M IN DEEP TROUBLE!
AAGGHH!!
ALL OF YOU-- STOP! THIS FIGHT MUST END!
SKKROOOM!
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NOW, LAND AND ENTER INTO G.L.U.N.K. AND LEARN WHY THIS GALACTIC LOGISTIC UNIT FOR NAVIGATION AND KNOWLEDGE HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO YOUR WORLD.
I DO AS G.L.U.N.K. COMMANDS. OUR BATTLE IS OVER!
CHRIS, I HAVE A FEELING WE OUGHT TO DO AS HE SAYS.
GLUNK was created by RICHARD MORRISSEY, age 26, Farmingham, Massachusetts.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE ACTIONS OF MY SERVANT, BUT MY WORLD IS IN DANGER...
...FOR WE WERE ATTACKED WITH EARTHQUAKE RAYS BY THE DREADED GORDANIAN FORCES.
GOOD GRIEF! WHAT DID YOU DO?

OUR WORLD WOULD HAVE EXPLODED HAD THE SCIENCE COLONY ON OUR MOON NOT INVENTED SPECIAL CONTROL CYLINDERS IN TIME.
BUT, AS THEY WERE BEING DELIVERED, THE GORDANIANS ATTACKED AND STOLE THE VERY DEVICES WE NEEDED TO LIVE.

THE GORDANIANS FLED AND WE FOLLOWED THEM TO THIS WORLD WHERE THEY JETTISONED THE CONTROL CYLINDERS AND ROBOT SENTRIES TO PROTECT THEM FROM US.
PLEASE, HELP US. IF WE DO NOT RETRIEVE THOSE CYLINDERS IN THE NEXT THREE HOURS, OUR PLANET WILL BE DOOMED!

HOOBOY, ALIENS AND ROBOTS AND OUTER SPACE. I FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE.
BUT THEY'RE HERE, AND THEY NEED OUR HELP.
REMEMBER, THE BOX WE FOUND OUR DIALS IN SAID WE WERE TO USE THEM FOR GOOD.

I THINK HELPING A PLANET SURVIVE COMES UNDER THAT CATEGORY.
I GUESS SO, BUT--ALIENS! I MEAN, I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN SUPERMAN IN PERSON.
OUR PLANET WILL BE IN YOUR DEBT FOR YOUR HELP.

AND, MOMENTS LATER...
GREAT G.L.U.N.K., DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THEY WILL FIND THE CONTROL CYLINDERS?
LET US HOPE THEY DO, BUTTRESS. THEY ARE NOW OUR PLANET'S ONLY SALVATION!
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THE EVERGLADES! MY PARENTS TOOK ME HERE YEARS AGO FOR A VACATION, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D RETURN ON MY OWN--
--AND CERTAINLY NOT TO SAVE A WHOLE PLANET!
BUT THE SUPER DIAL... IT'S OPENING UP A WHOLE WORLD TO ME. I JUST HOPE I'M GOOD ENOUGH TO--EH? THE CONTROL CAPSULE--JUST WHERE G.L.U.N.K. SAID IT WOULD BE.
BUT WHERE'S THAT ROBOT HE WARNED WOULD BE GUARDING--
AND SUDDENLY, RISING FROM THE DEEP MARSHES LIKE SOME DREADFUL BEHEMOTH...
WHEN WILL I LEARN TO SHUT UP? THERE'S GODZILLA'S BROTHER NOW!
EARTHLING! LEAVE THIS AREA IMMEDIATELY OR I WILL BE FORCED TO BATTLE YOU!
SORRY, PAL, THAT'S THE ONE THING I CAN'T DO RIGHT NOW.
HEY, DON'T GO TO PIECES! IT'S NOT AT ALL PERSONAL.
SSSSSS
SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT, DO YOU?
NO, I DIDN'T THINK SO.
SOMEHOW HE HAS THE POWER TO MANIPULATE THE TREE VINES...BENDING THEM AT ME.
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE--FAST... DON'T THINK I CAN-- YAGGHHH!!
T-TOO LATE! TH-THEY'VE GOT ME!!!
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WHILE A VALIANT VICTORIA GRANT VAINLY STRUGGLES FOR HER LIFE, LET US TURN OUR ATTENTIONS TO THE STONEY HEAVEN NUCLEAR PLANT, WHERE...
ALL THIS POWER AT MY COMMAND, ALL THESE THINGS I CAN DO...SO WHY AM I FRIGHTENED BY IT ALL?
IT'S AS IF IT'S ALL TOO MUCH FOR ME TO--UH OH! THERE'S THE PLANT...G.L.U.N.K. SAID THE CONTROL CAPSULE SHOULD BE BURIED NEARBY.

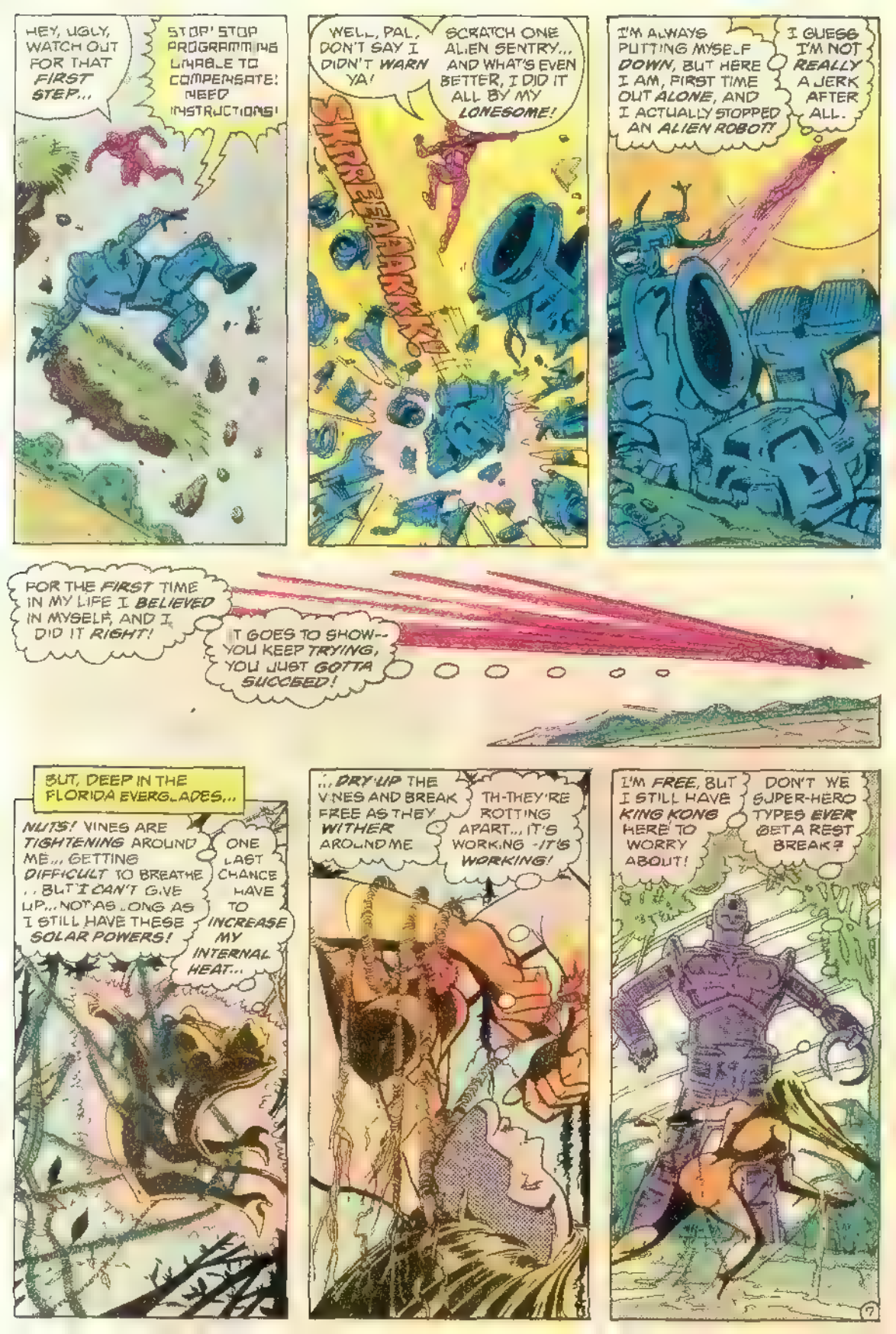
AND THERE IT IS. HARD TO BELIEVE SOMETHING THAT SMALL COULD SAVE A WHOLE PLANET. BUT THEN, WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT PHYSICS?
I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE LEARNING TO SPELL!

MAN, SOMETIMES I WISH I WERE MORE LIKE MY BROTHER GARY. HE SEEMS TO BREEZE THROUGH LIFE LIKE--
THAT SHADOW? SOMETHING'S BEHIND ME!!

HOOBOY!! THANK YOU, MEGA-POWERS, YOU SAVED MY LITTLE LIFE. IF THAT PUNCH CONNECTED...YEEECHH!!
KRONCH!

HALT, HUMAN. YOU MUST RETURN THE CONTROL CAPSULE TO ME NOW!
UGLY, YOU WANT IT, YOU COME AND TAKE IT!
THAT'S RIGHT, CHOWDERHEAD... KEEP COMING. JUST A LITTLE FURTHER...

THAT'S IT, CHUM. NOW, SMILE FOR THE BIRDIE!
CHOOM!


HEY, UGLY, WATCH OUT FOR THAT FIRST STEP...
STOP! STOP! PROGRAMMING UNABLE TO COMPENSATE! NEED INSTRUCTIONS!
WELL, PAL, DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YA!
SCRATCH ONE ALIEN SENTRY... AND WHAT'S EVEN BETTER, I DID IT ALL BY MY LONESOME!
SKREEEAAARKK!
I'M ALWAYS PUTTING MYSELF DOWN, BUT HERE I AM, FIRST TIME OUT ALONE, AND I ACTUALLY STOPPED AN ALIEN ROBOT!
I GUESS I'M NOT REALLY A JERK AFTER ALL.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I BELIEVED IN MYSELF, AND I DID IT RIGHT!
IT GOES TO SHOW-- YOU KEEP TRYING, YOU JUST GOTTA SUCCEED!
BUT, DEEP IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES...
NUTS! VINES ARE TIGHTENING AROUND ME... GETTING DIFFICULT TO BREATHE... BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP... NOT AS LONG AS I STILL HAVE THESE SOLAR POWERS!
ONE LAST CHANCE HAVE TO INCREASE MY INTERNAL HEAT...
...DRY UP THE VINES AND BREAK FREE AS THEY WITHER AROUND ME
TH-THEY'RE ROTTING APART... IT'S WORKING - IT'S WORKING!
I'M FREE, BUT I STILL HAVE KING KONG HERE TO WORRY ABOUT!
DON'T WE SUPER-HERO TYPES EVER GET A REST BREAK?
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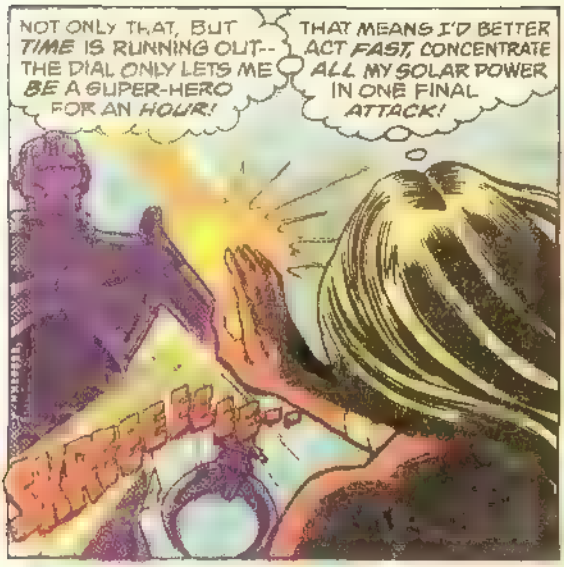
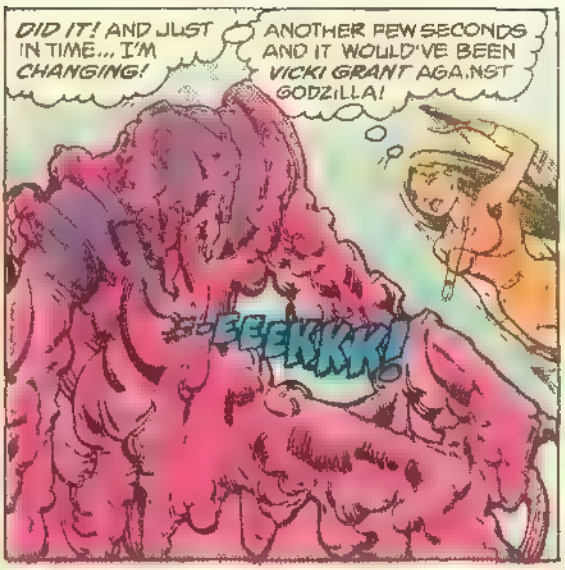
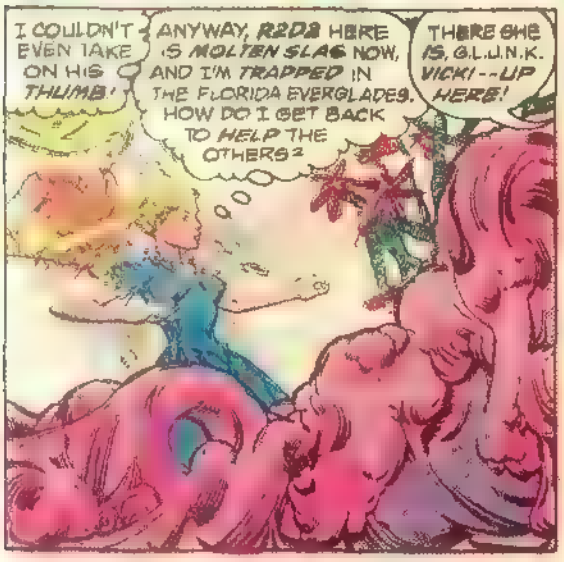
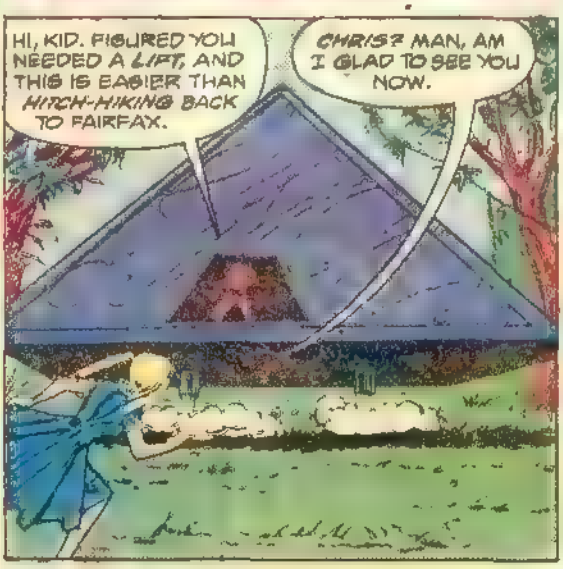
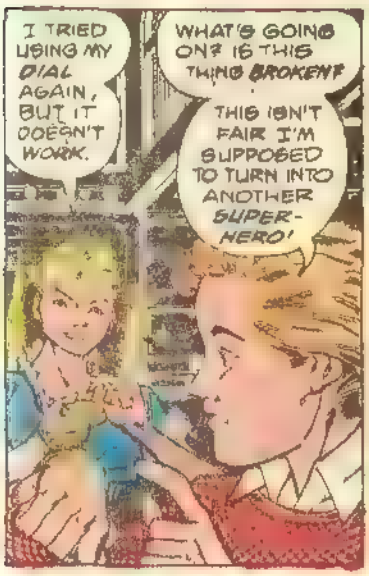

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT-- THE DIAL ONLY LETS ME BE A SUPER-HERO FOR AN HOUR!
THAT MEANS I'D BETTER ACT FAST, CONCENTRATE ALL MY SOLAR POWER IN ONE FINAL ATTACK!




I COULDN'T EVEN TAKE ON HIS THUMB!
ANYWAY, R2D2 HERE IS MOLTEN SLAG NOW, AND I'M TRAPPED IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES. HOW DO I GET BACK TO HELP THE OTHERS?
THERE SHE IS, G.L.U.N.K. VICKI--UP HERE!

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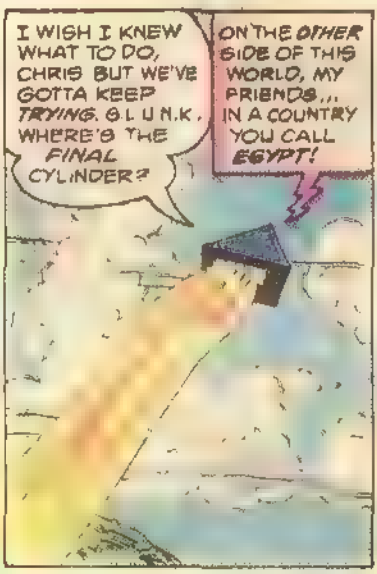
WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THIS THING BROKEN?
THIS ISN'T FAIR I'M SUPPOSED TO TURN INTO ANOTHER SUPER-HERO!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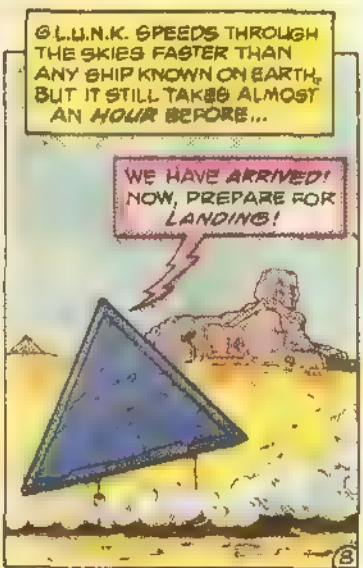
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS WORLD, MY FRIENDS... IN A COUNTRY YOU CALL EGYPT!


G.L.U.N.K. SPEEDS THROUGH THE SKIES FASTER THAN ANY SHIP KNOWN ON EARTH, BUT IT STILL TAKES ALMOST AN HOUR BEFORE...
WE HAVE ARRIVED! NOW, PREPARE FOR LANDING!
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Wonder Woman
AND
THE BARON!"
THE CHOCOLATE BARON. A CROOK WHOSE LOVE OF CHOCOLATY GOODNESS HAS LED HIM TO MONOPOLIZE EVERYTHING CHOCOLATE HE CAN CONTROL.
ROBOT PLANE . CIRCLE THE ISLAND UNTIL I NEED YOU!
SOON I'LL CONTROL EVERYTHING THAT'S CHOCOLATY . . AND THE GREAT TASTE WILL BE MINE--ALL MINE.
BY HERA, I PLAN TO STOP YOUR NEFARIOUS ENTERPRISE. AND YOUR BULLETS WON'T STOP ME. I CAME PREPARED.
WONDER WOMAN HERSELF. GET HER, BOYS.
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OH, SO CHOCOLATY. CHOCOLATY CAKE. CHOCOLATY ICING.
YOU AND YOUR HENCHMEN WERE EASILY TAKEN, BARON!
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I'VE BEEN DIALING THIS STUPID THING FOR AN HOUR. I'M GOING TO TRY ONE LAST TIME BEFORE I SELL IT FOR SCRAP!
WHY BOTHER? WE PROBABLY USED UP ITS POWER, MAN, IT'S A BUMMER!
BUT, AS VICTORIA GRANT DIALS H-E-R-O FOR THE FINAL TIME...
CHRIS! IT'S WORKING AGAIN.. I'M CHANGING! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? JUST AS THE DIAL WEARS OFF IN AN HOUR...
...IT TAKES ANOTHER HOUR TO RENEW ITS POWER!
LOOK AT ME, CHRIS! LAST TIME I GOT HEAT POWERS -- NOW I'VE BECOME -- ICE!
IT WORKS AFTER AN HOUR'S WAIT? OKAY, VICKI -HOLD ON! I'M JOININ'YA!
ICE was created by CLIFFORD STROUD, Age 16. Address Unknown.*
AND, SECONDS LATER...
ALLLLRIGHT! THE DIAL CHANGED ME, TOO AND LOOK AT WHAT I'VE BECOME!
JUST CALL ME -- COLOR COMMANDO!
COLOR COMMANDO was created by JAMES McCLERNAN, Age 15, NYC, NY.
GET A LOAD OF THIS I'VE GOT A CRYSTAL-SPECTRUM COLOR GUN.
COMMANDO -- OVER HERE. I FOUND THE FINAL CYLINDER.
THAT MEANS THE LAST ROBOT SENTRY MUST BE NEARBY AS WELL.
*DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR FULL ADDRESS WHEN YOU DIAL "H" FOR HERO!
AND, SUDDENLY, AS IF IN ANSWER...
I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE CONTROL CYLINDER! YOU WILL NOT TAKE IT!
ICE! BEHIND YOU- WATCH IT!
IT'S THE SPHINX ITSELF! THAT'S THE SENTRY!?
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NO, THAT SPHINX ISN'T A REAL ONE...THAT MEANS WE CAN BLAST IT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M DOING? BLOWING BUBBLES?
MY RIFLE CONVERTS LIGHT RAYS TO PURE ENERGY, BUT IT JUST SHIRKS THEM OFF!
GOT TO KEEP TRYING. I'M BLASTING IT WITH ENOUGH FREEZE POWER TO ICE OVER HALF OF HAWAII!
AND I'M FIRING ENOUGH RAINBOW ENERGY TO BLOW UP NEW YORK. BUT IT'S STILL--
NO, SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! COMMANDO, WE GOTTA KEEP IT UP! FULL POWER!!
YOU HEAR THAT, ICE? GET OUTTA HERE, IT'S GONNA--
--BLOW!!
KRAAHMMMM!
YOU DESTROYED THE SENTRY, AND WE HAVE ALL THREE CONTROL CYLINDERS.
EARTHLINGS, THANKS TO YOU, OUR WORLD IS SAFE.
IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WANT AS A REWARD, IT IS YOURS.
THE ADVENTURE ITSELF WAS INCREDIBLE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE US ANYTHING!
OH, YES HE DOES!
HE DOES? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE HAS TO GIVE US A RIDE BACK HOME. I DON'T THINK THE BUS TO FAIRFAX STOPS AROUND HERE.
HA! HA! HA! HA!

USUALLY ONLY THE SPORADIC CHIRPING OF *BLUEJAYS* JARS THE QUIET NIGHTS IN THE SMALL CITY OF FAIRFAX, BUT *THIS* EVENING'S PEACE IS SHATTERED BY SOMETHING FAR MORE *MENACING* THAN THE SINGING OF HUNGRY BIRDS...

CH-CHARLIE--IT'S *HIM*. HE'S COME *BACK!*

BOOM! BAM!

AND OUR BULLETS... THEY'RE GOING RIGHT *THROUGH* HIM.

WHAT IS HE, HARRY? WHAT IN THE WORLD *IS* HE?

SOMETHING NEITHER OF *YOU* FOOLS CAN *HOPE* TO STOP!

BAM!

BAM!

MY POWER MAKES ME *INVINCIBLE!* WHILE YOU ARE *HELPLESS* TO EVEN *TOUCH* ME--

--I STILL HAVE THE POWER TO *DESTROY YOU!*

NO *WAY*, UGLY, NOT WHILE *WE'RE* AROUND!

CHRISTOPHER KING! VICTORIA GRANT! WHEN THESE TWO ORDINARY TEENAGERS FOUND THE MYSTIC DIALS, THEY HAD NO IDEA THAT WHEN THEY DIALED THE LETTERS H-E-R-O, THEY WOULD BE TURNED INTO THE GREATEST SUPER HEROES OF ALL TIME! NOW, *YOU* CAN JOIN THEM AS THEY HELP OUR TITANIC TWO-[illegible]--

"DIAL 'H' FOR HERO"

WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TWO? *WHO* ARE YOU?

NOT THAT YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO *USE* IT, MISTY, BUT MY NAME'S-- *THE GRASSHOPPER!*

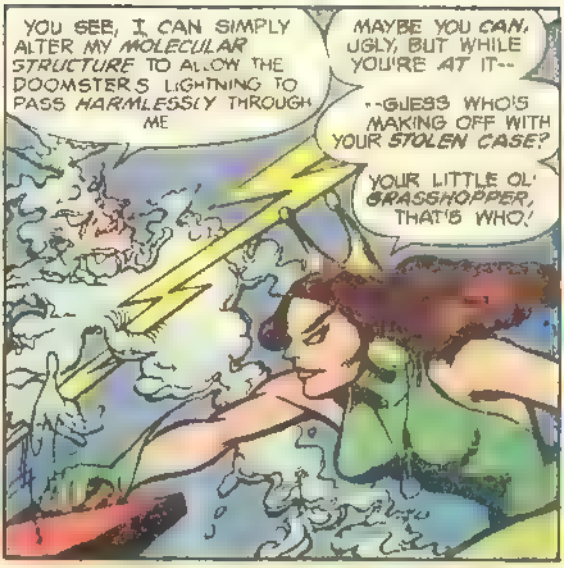
AND AS FOR MY RATHER GRUESOME LOOKING *FRIEND* HERE--

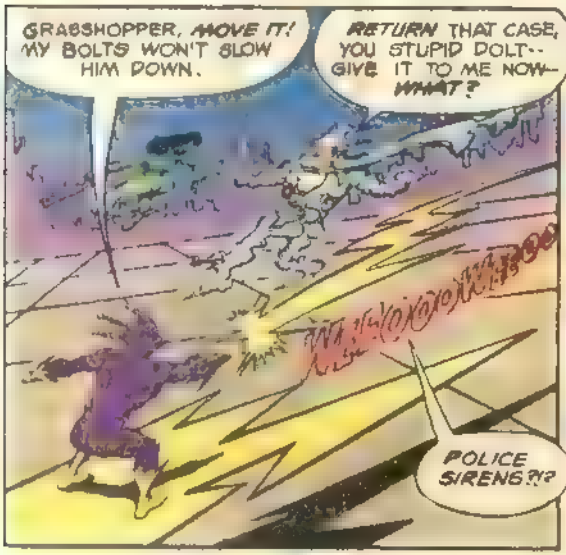
YOU CAN CALL ME *THE DOOMSTER*, MASTER OF THE COSMIC LIGHTNING!

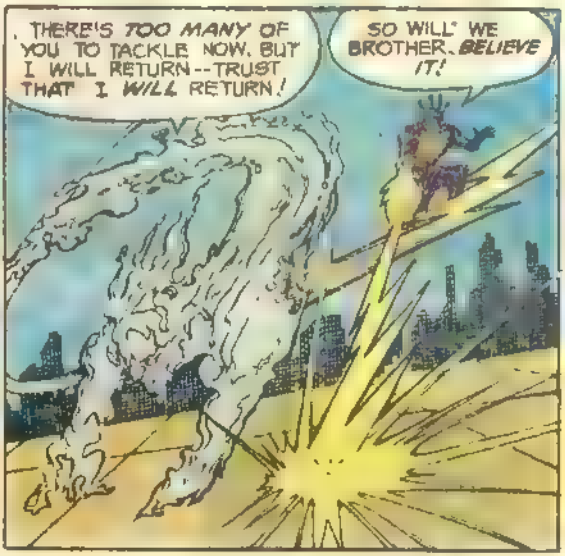
DOOMSTER was created by *NELSON JIMENEZ*, Age 18, University of Connecticut.

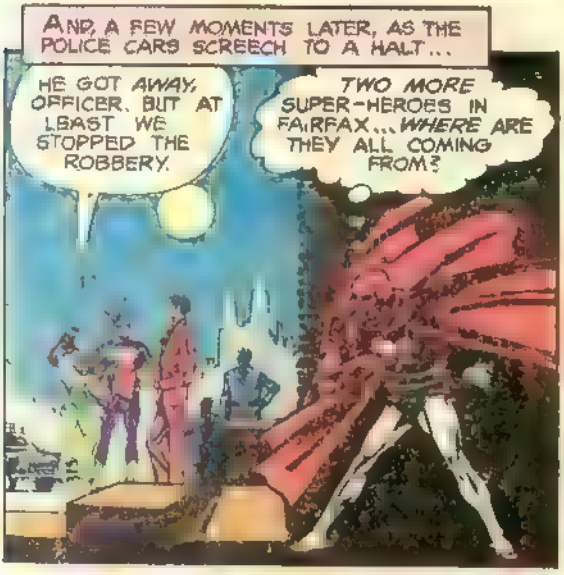
GRASSHOPPER was created by *MONTE WILSON*, Age 17, Yukon, OK.

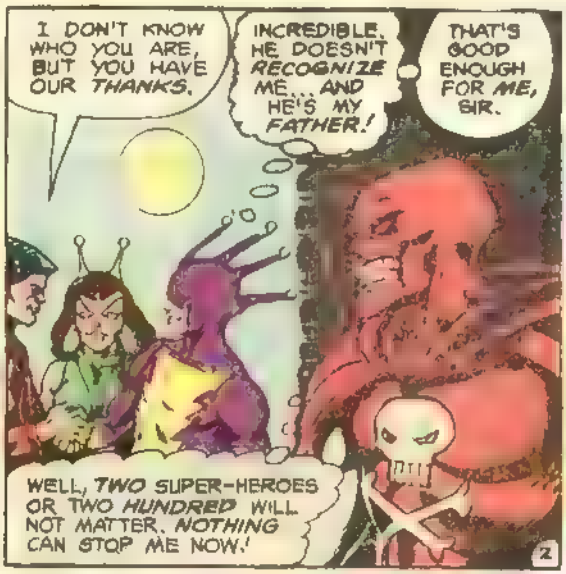
GIVE OUR ...GGY FRIEND A DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR POWER
WHILE I USE MINE TO END HIS ROTTEN LITTLE ROBBERY ATTEMPT.
THIS IS NO MERE ATTEMPT, YOU FOOLS!

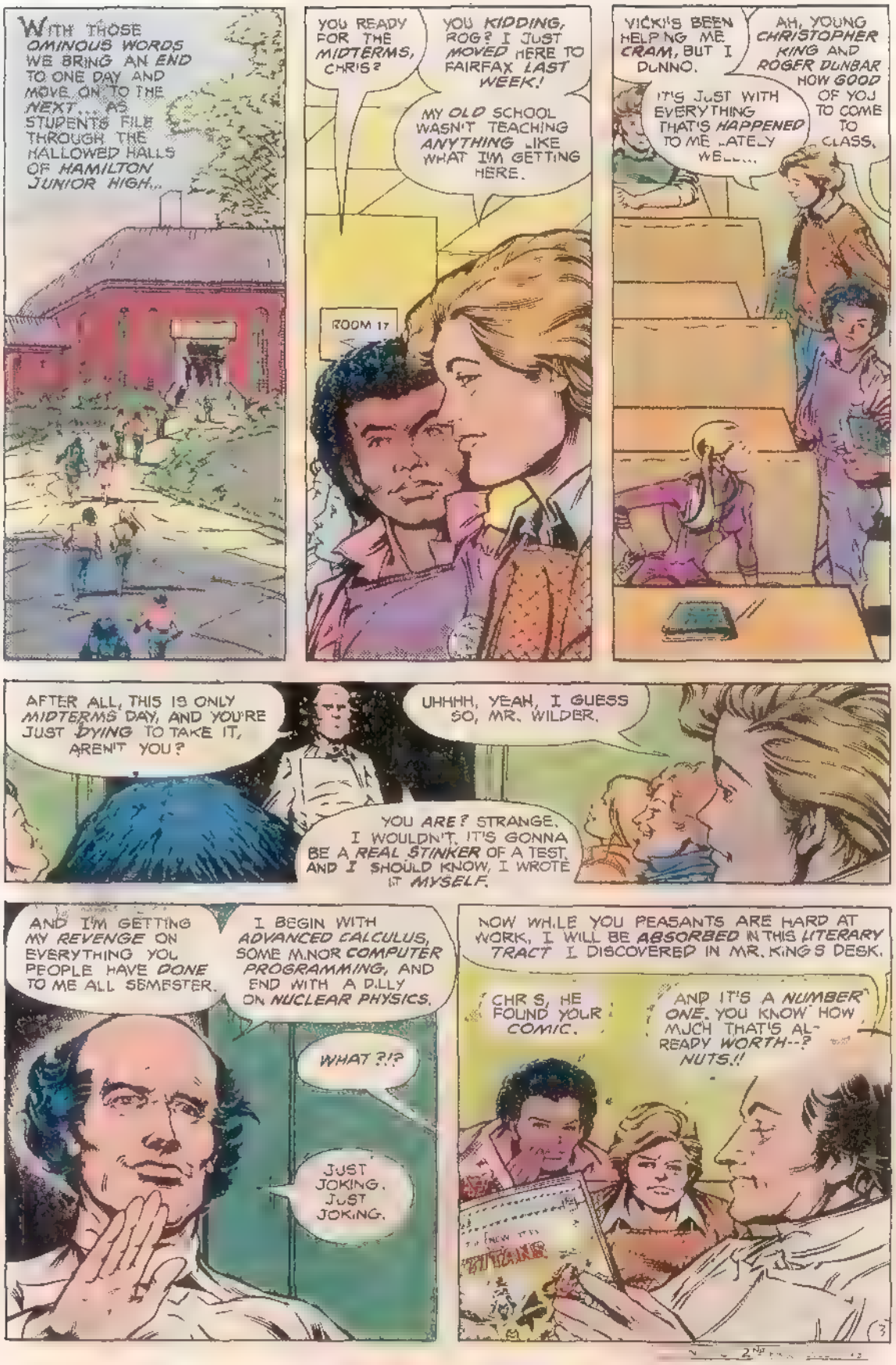

YOU SEE, I CAN SIMPLY ALTER MY MOLECULAR STRUCTURE TO ALLOW THE DOOMSTER'S LIGHTNING TO PASS HARMLESSLY THROUGH ME
MAYBE YOU CAN, UGLY, BUT WHILE YOU'RE AT IT--
--GUESS WHO'S MAKING OFF WITH YOUR STOLEN CASE?
YOUR LITTLE OL' GRASSHOPPER, THAT'S WHO!


GRASSHOPPER, MOVE IT! MY BOLTS WON'T SLOW HIM DOWN.
RETURN THAT CASE, YOU STUPID DOLT-- GIVE IT TO ME NOW-- WHAT?
POLICE SIRENS?!?


THERE'S TOO MANY OF YOU TO TACKLE NOW. BUT I WILL RETURN--TRUST THAT I WILL RETURN!
SO WILL WE BROTHER. BELIEVE IT!


AND, A FEW MOMENTS LATER, AS THE POLICE CARS SCREECH TO A HALT...
HE GOT AWAY, OFFICER. BUT AT LEAST WE STOPPED THE ROBBERY.
TWO MORE SUPER-HEROES IN FAIRFAX... WHERE ARE THEY ALL COMING FROM?


I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT YOU HAVE OUR THANKS.
INCREDIBLE. HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME... AND HE'S MY FATHER!
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, SIR.
WELL, TWO SUPER-HEROES OR TWO HUNDRED WILL NOT MATTER. NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!


WITH THOSE OMINOUS WORDS WE BRING AN END TO ONE DAY AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT... AS STUDENTS FILE THROUGH THE HALLOWED HALLS OF HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH...
YOU READY FOR THE MIDTERMS, CHRIS?
YOU KIDDING, ROG? I JUST MOVED HERE TO FAIRFAX LAST WEEK!
MY OLD SCHOOL WASN'T TEACHING ANYTHING LIKE WHAT I'M GETTING HERE.
ROOM 17
VICKI'S BEEN HELPING ME CRAM, BUT I DUNNO.
AH, YOUNG CHRISTOPHER KING AND ROGER DUNBAR HOW GOOD OF YOU TO COME TO CLASS.
IT'S JUST WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME LATELY WELL...
AFTER ALL, THIS IS ONLY MIDTERMS DAY, AND YOU'RE JUST DYING TO TAKE IT, AREN'T YOU?
UHHHH, YEAH, I GUESS SO, MR. WILDER.
YOU ARE? STRANGE. I WOULDN'T. IT'S GONNA BE A REAL STINKER OF A TEST, AND I SHOULD KNOW, I WROTE IT MYSELF.
AND I'M GETTING MY REVENGE ON EVERYTHING YOU PEOPLE HAVE DONE TO ME ALL SEMESTER.
I BEGIN WITH ADVANCED CALCULUS, SOME MINOR COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, AND END WITH A DILLY ON NUCLEAR PHYSICS.
WHAT ?!?
JUST JOKING. JUST JOKING.
NOW WHILE YOU PEASANTS ARE HARD AT WORK, I WILL BE ABSORBED IN THIS LITERARY TRACT I DISCOVERED IN MR. KING'S DESK.
CHRIS, HE FOUND YOUR COMIC.
AND IT'S A NUMBER ONE. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THAT'S ALREADY WORTH--? NUTS!!
I KNEW IT'S BITTING
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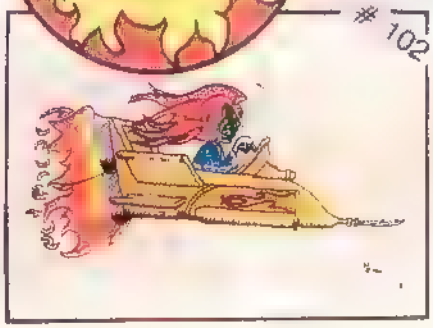

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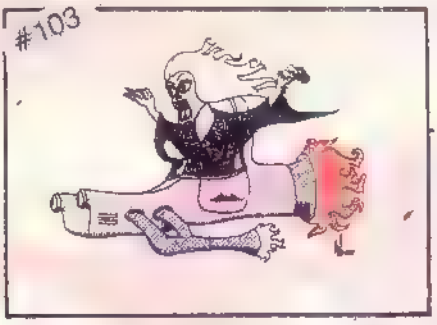

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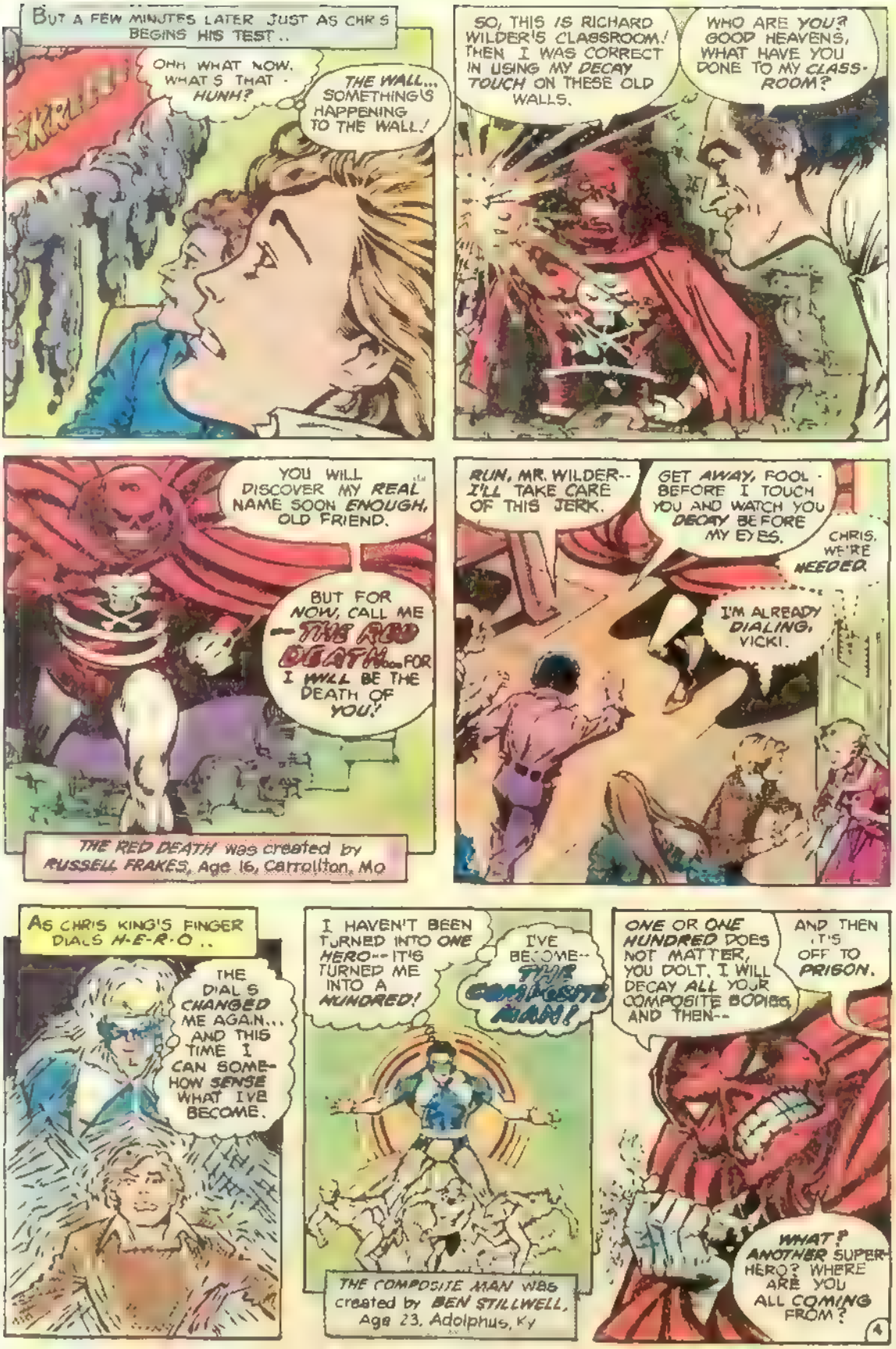
BUT A FEW MINUTES LATER JUST AS CHRIS BEGINS HIS TEST..
SKRUNCH!
OHH WHAT NOW, WHAT'S THAT - HUNH?
THE WALL... SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO THE WALL!
SO, THIS IS RICHARD WILDER'S CLASSROOM! THEN I WAS CORRECT IN USING MY DECAY TOUCH ON THESE OLD WALLS.
WHO ARE YOU? GOOD HEAVENS, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY CLASSROOM?
YOU WILL DISCOVER MY REAL NAME SOON ENOUGH, OLD FRIEND.
BUT FOR NOW, CALL ME --THE RED DEATH... FOR I WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU!
THE RED DEATH was created by RUSSELL FRAKES, Age 16, Carrollton, Mo
RUN, MR. WILDER-- I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS JERK.
GET AWAY, FOOL - BEFORE I TOUCH YOU AND WATCH YOU DECAY BEFORE MY EYES.
CHRIS, WE'RE NEEDED.
I'M ALREADY DIALING, VICKI.
AS CHRIS KING'S FINGER DIALS H-E-R-O..
THE DIAL'S CHANGED ME AGAIN... AND THIS TIME I CAN SOMEHOW SENSE WHAT I'VE BECOME.
I HAVEN'T BEEN TURNED INTO ONE HERO-- IT'S TURNED ME INTO A HUNDRED!
I'VE BECOME-- THE COMPOSITE MAN!
THE COMPOSITE MAN was created by BEN STILLWELL, Age 23, Adolphus, Ky
ONE OR ONE HUNDRED DOES NOT MATTER, YOU DOLT. I WILL DECAY ALL YOUR COMPOSITE BODIES, AND THEN--
AND THEN IT'S OFF TO PRISON.
WHAT? ANOTHER SUPERHERO? WHERE ARE YOU ALL COMING FROM?
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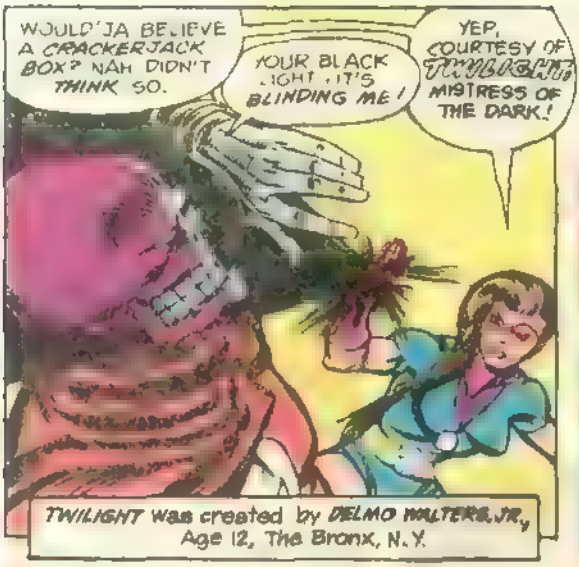
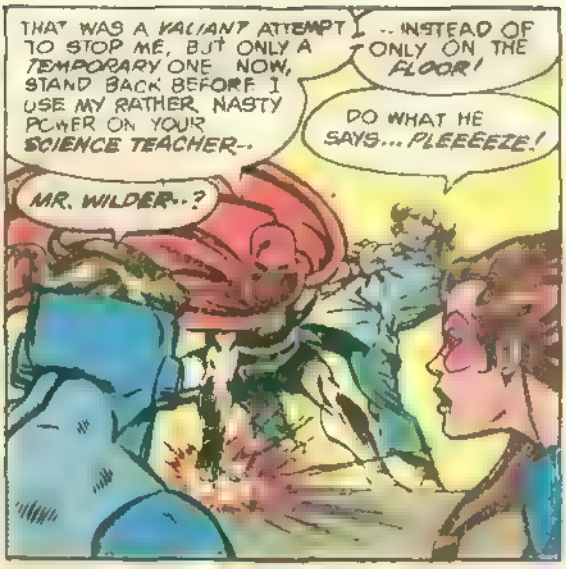
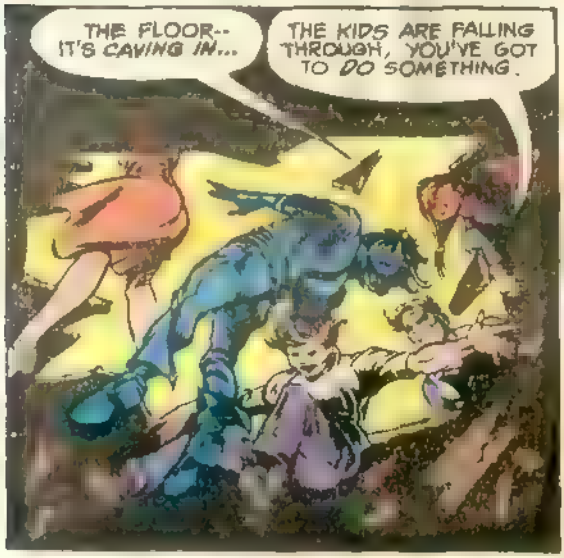
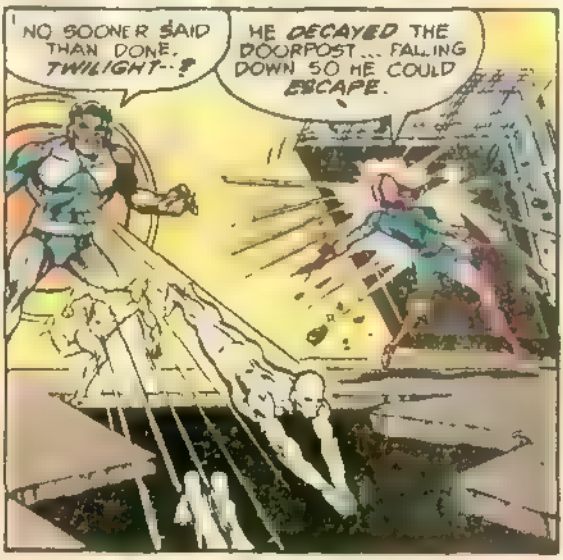
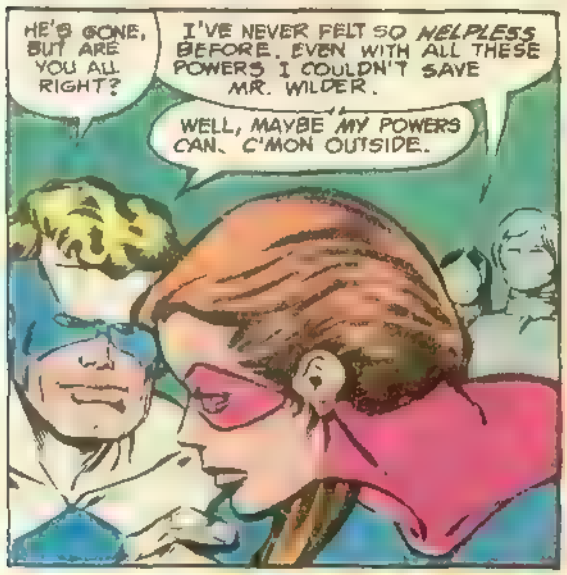
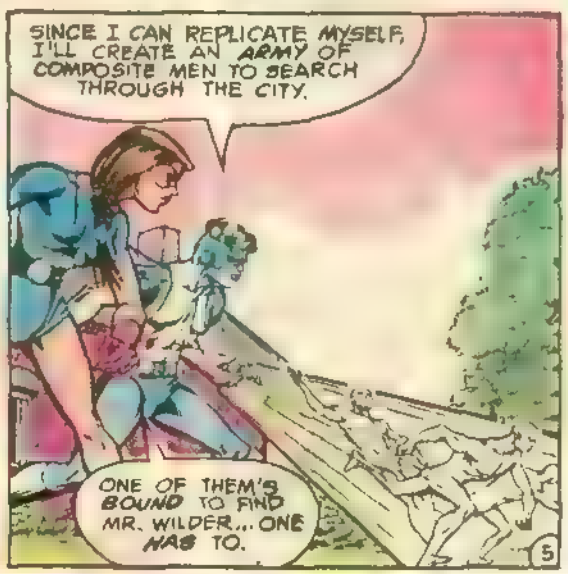

WOULD'JA BELIEVE A CRACKERJACK BOX? NAH DIDN'T THINK SO.
YOUR BLACK LIGHT - IT'S BLINDING ME!
YEP, COURTESY OF TWILIGHT, MISTRESS OF THE DARK!
TWILIGHT was created by DELMO WALTERS, JR., Age 12, The Bronx, N.Y.


THAT WAS A VALIANT ATTEMPT TO STOP ME, BUT ONLY A TEMPORARY ONE NOW, STAND BACK BEFORE I USE MY RATHER NASTY POWER ON YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER--
-- INSTEAD OF ONLY ON THE FLOOR!
DO WHAT HE SAYS... PLEEEEZE!
MR. WILDER--?

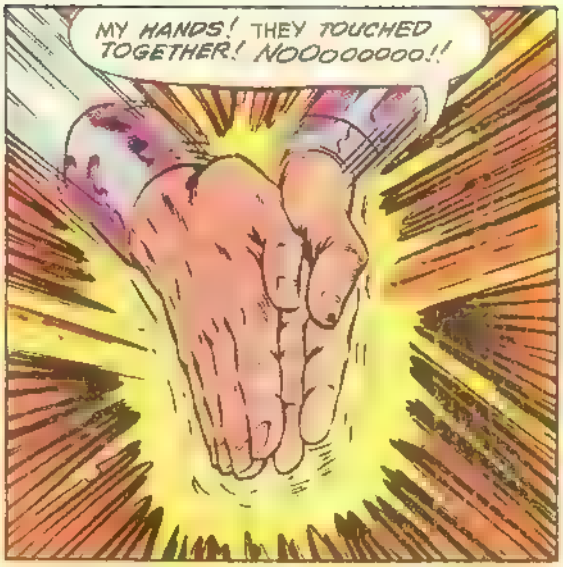

THE FLOOR-- IT'S CAVING IN...
THE KIDS ARE FALLING THROUGH, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.


NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE, TWILIGHT--?
HE DECAYED THE DOORPOST... FALLING DOWN SO HE COULD ESCAPE.


HE'S GONE, BUT ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'VE NEVER FELT SO HELPLESS BEFORE. EVEN WITH ALL THESE POWERS I COULDN'T SAVE MR. WILDER.
WELL, MAYBE MY POWERS CAN. C'MON OUTSIDE.

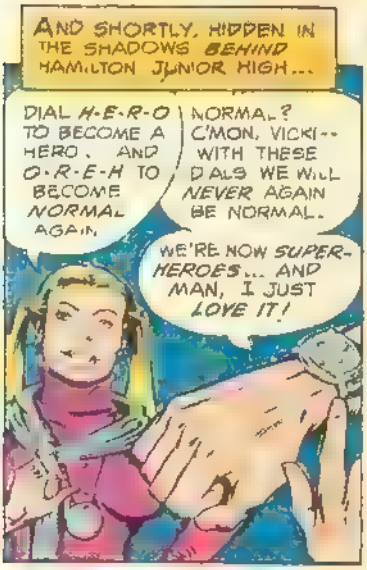

SINCE I CAN REPLICATE MYSELF, I'LL CREATE AN ARMY OF COMPOSITE MEN TO SEARCH THROUGH THE CITY.
ONE OF THEM'S BOUND TO FIND MR. WILDER... ONE HAS TO.

BUT, HIDDEN IN A FARAWAY UNDERGROUND LABORATORY
WELL, WILDER -- DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME? YOU SHOULD, YOU KNOW.
YOUR FACE... GOOD HEAVENS! YOU'RE HAL KRAMER... FROM COLLEGE. WE TOOK LAB TOGETHER, BUT YOU WERE--
EXPELLED FOR CHEATING... FOR COPYING YOUR NOTES, THEY SAID.
THEY ALSO SAID I'D NEVER BE HALF THE SCIENTIST YOU WERE, BUT I FOOLED THEM, DIDN'T I?
WHILE SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO ARREST OLD AGE, I ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED A PROCESS TO AGE THINGS INSTANTLY... TO DECAY WHATEVER I TOUCHED.
I REALIZED I HAD THE POWER TO GAIN VENGEANCE ON ALL WHO HAD EVER MOCKED ME.
YOU WERE ALWAYS HELD UP TO ME... YOU WERE THE BEST STUDENT, I WAS THE WORST-- BUT THAT WILL CHANGE, WILDER - THAT WILL CHANGE NOW.
NO WAY, UGLY.. THE ONLY THING CHANGING IS YOUR CLOTHES FROM THAT CORNY SUIT TO PRISON GRAYS!
I OR RATHER ME DID IT! I KNEW AT LEAST ONE DUPLICATE WOULD FIND THEM!
YOUR BLASTED RAY! I CAN'T SEE THROUGH IT!
-- BUT I DON'T HAVE TO SEE TO DECAY!
COMPOSITE MAN! WATCH OUT!

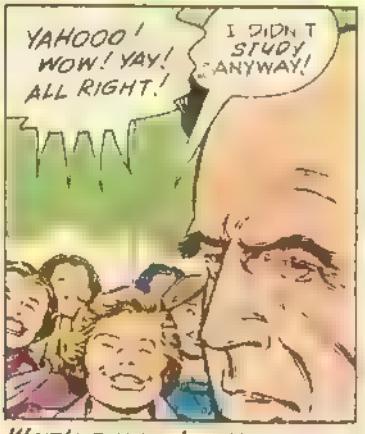


AND, SEVERAL MINUTES LATER AFTER MR. WONDER HAS BEEN FREED AND THE POLICE HAVE ARRIVED.
MY HANDS . MY WITHERED, POWERLESS HANDS
TWO MORE SUPER-HEROES ... WHERE ARE ALL YOU GUYS COMING FROM?
SORRY, OFFICER KING, BUT THAT HAS TO REMAIN OUR SECRET!

BUT IF THERE'S ANY TROUBLE IN FAIRFAX, JUST GIVE A HOLLER AND WE'LL BE THERE.
SHE KNEW MY NAME ... HMMM. THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON HERE...
AND ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS.


AND SHORTLY, HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS BEHIND HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH...
DIAL H-E-R-O TO BECOME A HERO. AND O-R-E-H TO BECOME NORMAL AGAIN.
NORMAL? C'MON, VICKI-- WITH THESE DAYS WE WILL NEVER AGAIN BE NORMAL.
WE'RE NOW SUPER-HEROES ... AND MAN, I JUST LOVE IT!

AND, LATER IN CLASS
WELL CLASS I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED, BUT I'M NOT IN ANY CONDITION TO GIVE A MIDTERM TODAY
THE TESTS ARE OFF TILL NEXT WEEK



WAIT! WE KNOW! YOU'RE WONDERING JUST HOW YOU CAN HELP TWO ORDINARY KIDS BECOME THE GREATEST SUPER-HEROES OF ALL TIME! WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WONDER ANY MORE JUST SEE THE SPECIAL PAGE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE!

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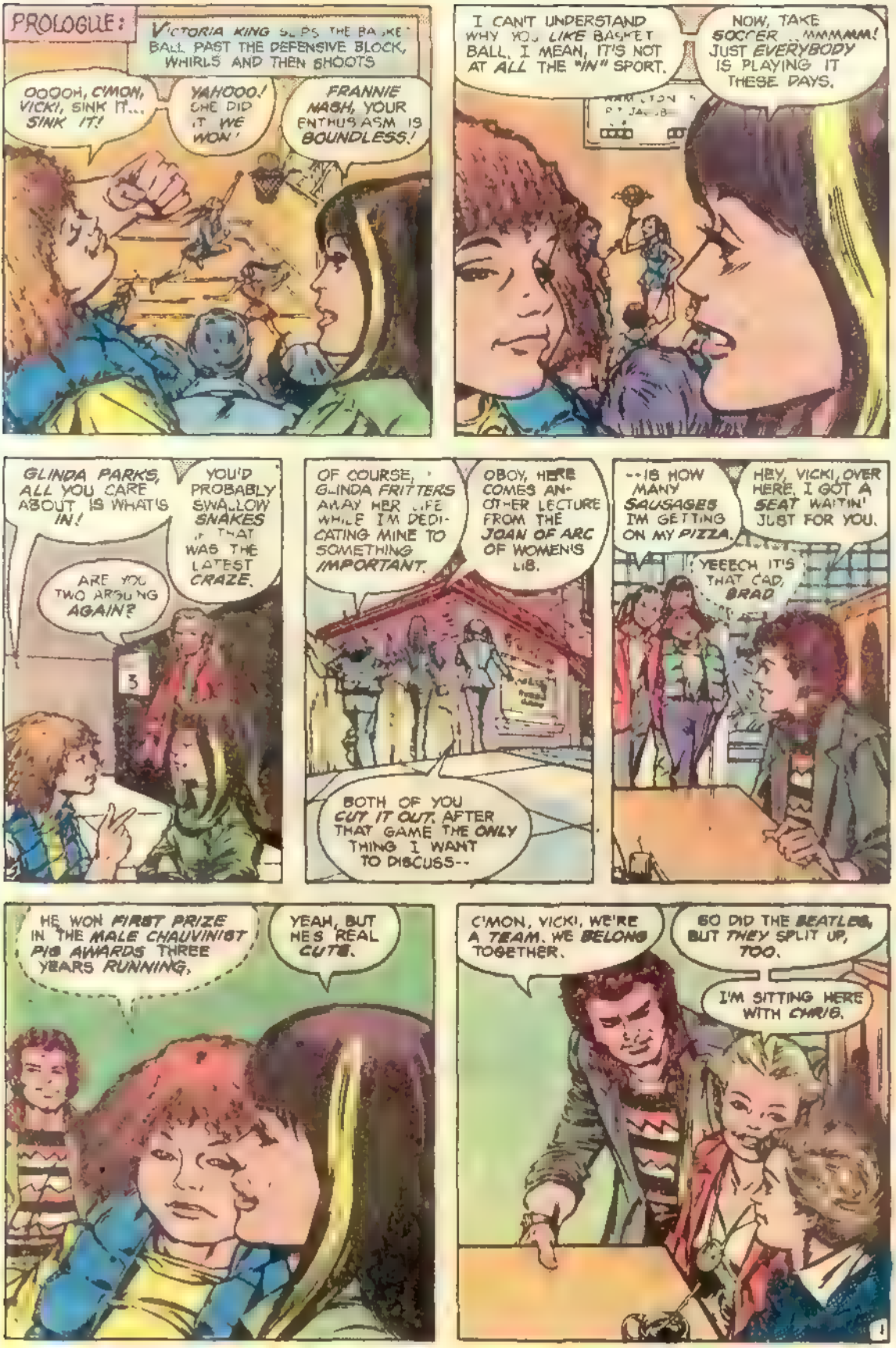
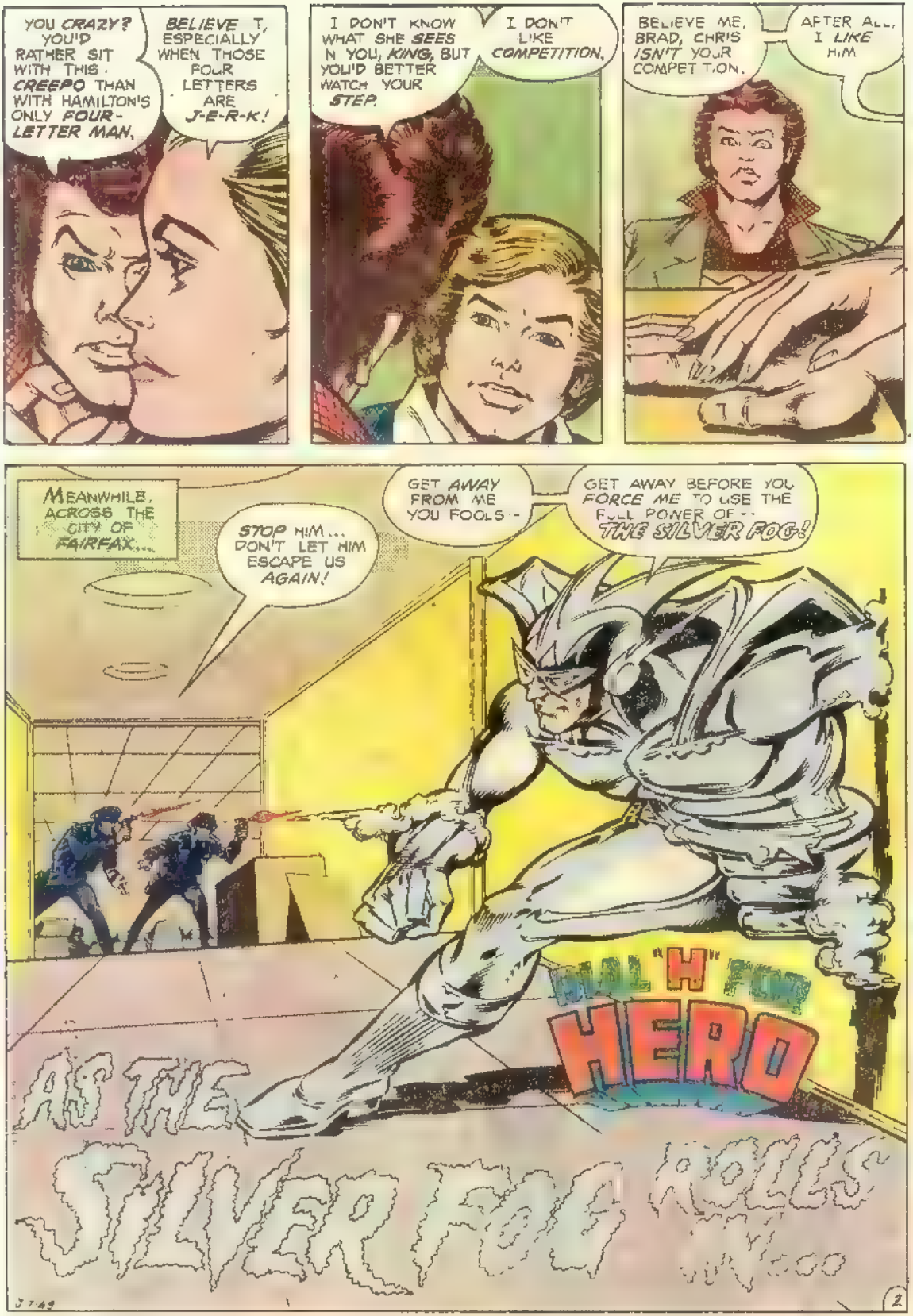

PROLOGUE:
VICTORIA KING SLIPS THE BASKETBALL PAST THE DEFENSIVE BLOCK, WHIRLS AND THEN SHOOTS
OOOOH, C'MON, VICKI, SINK IT... SINK IT!
YAHOOO! SHE DID IT WE WON!
FRANNIE NASH, YOUR ENTHUSIASM IS BOUNDLESS!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU LIKE BASKETBALL. I MEAN, IT'S NOT AT ALL THE "IN" SPORT.
NOW, TAKE SOCCER ...MMMMM! JUST EVERYBODY IS PLAYING IT THESE DAYS.
GLINDA PARKS, ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS WHAT'S IN!
YOU'D PROBABLY SWALLOW SNAKES IF THAT WAS THE LATEST CRAZE.
ARE YOU TWO ARGUING AGAIN?
OF COURSE, GLINDA FRITTERS AWAY HER LIFE WHILE I'M DEDICATING MINE TO SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
OBOY, HERE COMES ANOTHER LECTURE FROM THE JOAN OF ARC OF WOMEN'S LIB.
BOTH OF YOU CUT IT OUT. AFTER THAT GAME THE ONLY THING I WANT TO DISCUSS--
--IS HOW MANY SAUSAGES I'M GETTING ON MY PIZZA.
HEY, VICKI, OVER HERE. I GOT A SEAT WAITIN' JUST FOR YOU.
YEECH IT'S THAT CAD, BRAD
HE WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE MALE CHAUVINIST PIG AWARDS THREE YEARS RUNNING.
YEAH, BUT HE'S REAL CUTE.
C'MON, VICKI, WE'RE A TEAM. WE BELONG TOGETHER.
SO DID THE BEATLES, BUT THEY SPLIT UP, TOO.
I'M SITTING HERE WITH CHRIS.


YOU CRAZY? YOU'D RATHER SIT WITH THIS CREEPO THAN WITH HAMILTON'S ONLY FOUR-LETTER MAN.
BELIEVE I, ESPECIALLY WHEN THOSE FOUR LETTERS ARE J-E-R-K!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE SEES IN YOU, KING, BUT YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR STEP.
I DON'T LIKE COMPETITION.
BELIEVE ME, BRAD, CHRIS ISN'T YOUR COMPETITION.
AFTER ALL, I LIKE HIM
MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE CITY OF FAIRFAX...
STOP HIM... DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE US AGAIN!
GET AWAY FROM ME YOU FOOLS -
GET AWAY BEFORE YOU FORCE ME TO USE THE FULL POWER OF -- THE SILVER FOG!
BILL "H" FOR HERO
AS THE SILVER FOG ROLLS IN
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THE SILVER FOG was created by HARLAN ELLISON, Age 46, Sherman Oaks, Ca.

I SEE YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED I CAN ALTER MY DENSITY... LET YOUR BULLETS PASS THROUGH ME
AND, WHEN I AM CLOSE ENOUGH--
--I CAN HARDEN MY BODY LONG ENOUGH TO SEND YOU ALL RUNNING FOR HELP!
BLAMMO!
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU, BUT YOU GAVE ME NO CHOICE.
NEXT TIME WE MEET, LEAVE ME BE. ONCE I GET WHAT I NEED, YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE SILVER FOG AGAIN.
HUNH? WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT?
THE SILVER FOG SOARS THE DARKENED STREETS OF FAIRFAX, UNTIL...
EACH TIME IT GETS HARDER TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER.
MY POWERS ARE KILLING ME, AND I DID IT ALL TO MYSELF.
THE SILVER FOG REMEMBERS HE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO TEST THE PARTICLE ACCELERATOR THAT DAY, AND CERTAINLY NOT ON HIMSELF. BUT THERE HE WAS WITH MUONS, PIONS AND MICROPIONS ALL SHOOTING THROUGH HIM AT INCREDIBLE SPEEDS...
THEY WERE CHANGING HIM... DISRUPTING HIS ATOMIC BINDING...
HE WAS CHANGED...INTO THE SILVER FOG.. BUT HE WAS RAPIDLY COMING APART BEFORE HIS OWN HORRIFIED EYES...
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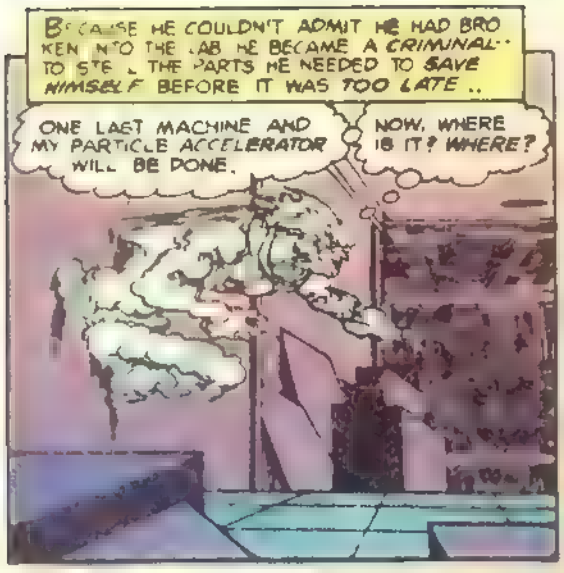
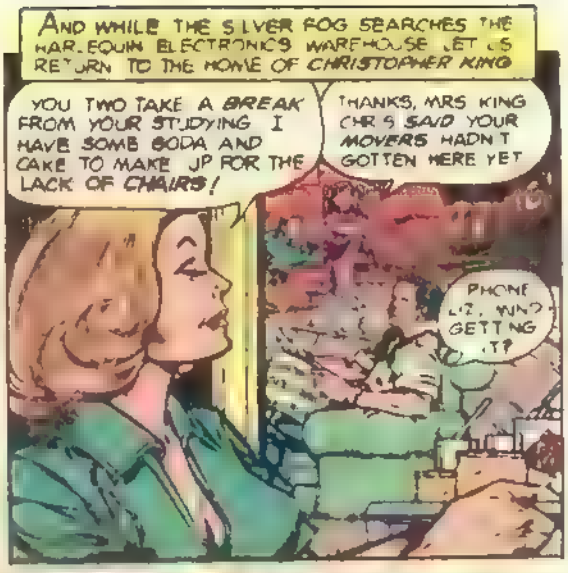
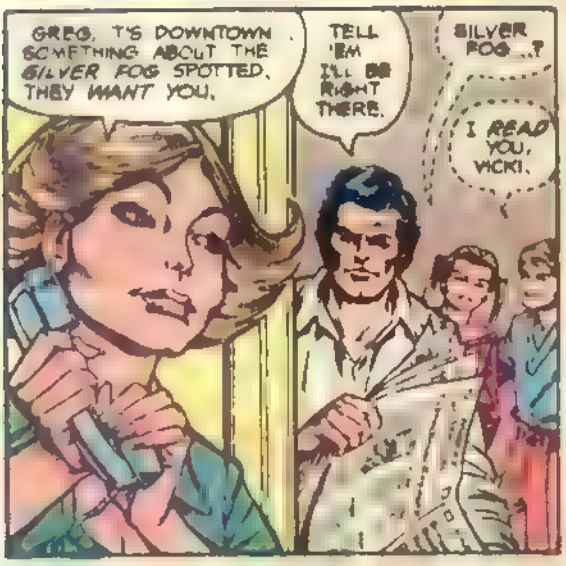
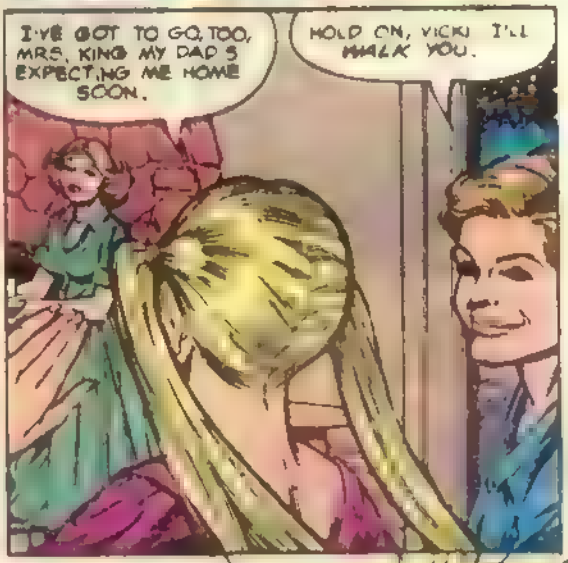
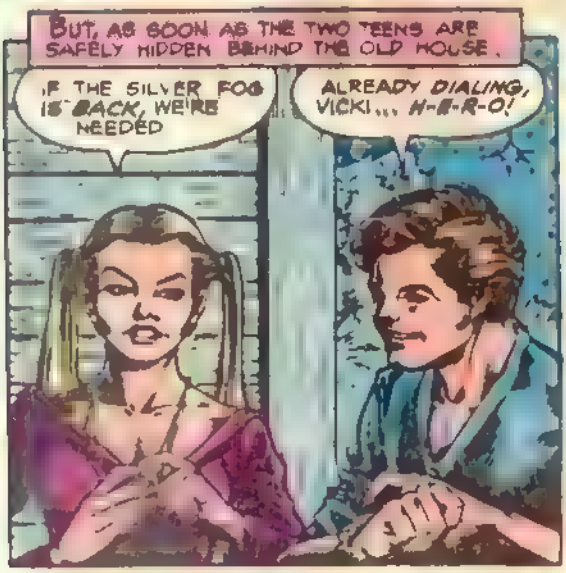
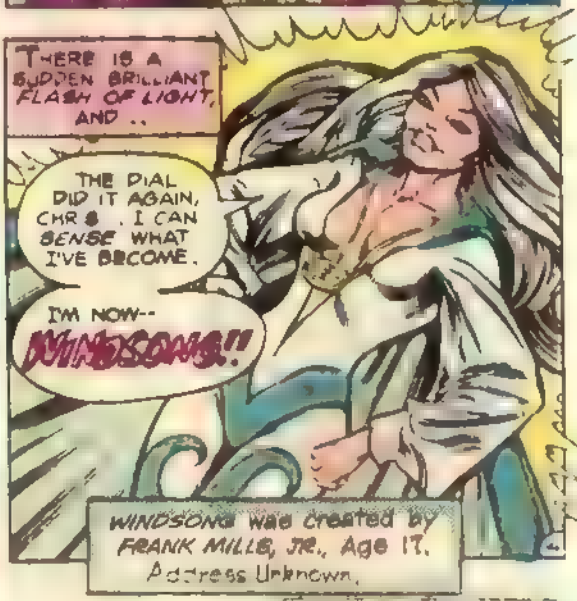

BECAUSE HE COULDN'T ADMIT HE HAD BROKEN INTO THE LAB HE BECAME A CRIMINAL.. TO STEAL THE PARTS HE NEEDED TO SAVE HIMSELF BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE ..
ONE LAST MACHINE AND MY PARTICLE ACCELERATOR WILL BE DONE.
NOW, WHERE IS IT? WHERE?


AND WHILE THE SILVER FOG SEARCHES THE HARLEQUIN ELECTRONICS WAREHOUSE LET US RETURN TO THE HOME OF CHRISTOPHER KING
YOU TWO TAKE A BREAK FROM YOUR STUDYING I HAVE SOME SODA AND CAKE TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF CHAIRS!
THANKS, MRS KING CHRIS SAID YOUR MOVERS HADN'T GOTTEN HERE YET
PHONE LIZ, WHO'S GETTING IT?


GREG, IT'S DOWNTOWN SOMETHING ABOUT THE SILVER FOG SPOTTED, THEY WANT YOU.
TELL 'EM I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
SILVER FOG ..?
I READ YOU, VICKI.


I'VE GOT TO GO, TOO, MRS. KING MY DAD'S EXPECTING ME HOME SOON.
HOLD ON, VICKI I'LL WALK YOU.


BUT, AS SOON AS THE TWO TEENS ARE SAFELY HIDDEN BEHIND THE OLD HOUSE.
IF THE SILVER FOG IS BACK, WE'RE NEEDED
ALREADY DIALING, VICKI... H-E-R-O!


THERE IS A SUDDEN BRILLIANT FLASH OF LIGHT, AND ..
THE DIAL DID IT AGAIN, CHRIS. I CAN SENSE WHAT I'VE BECOME.
I'M NOW--
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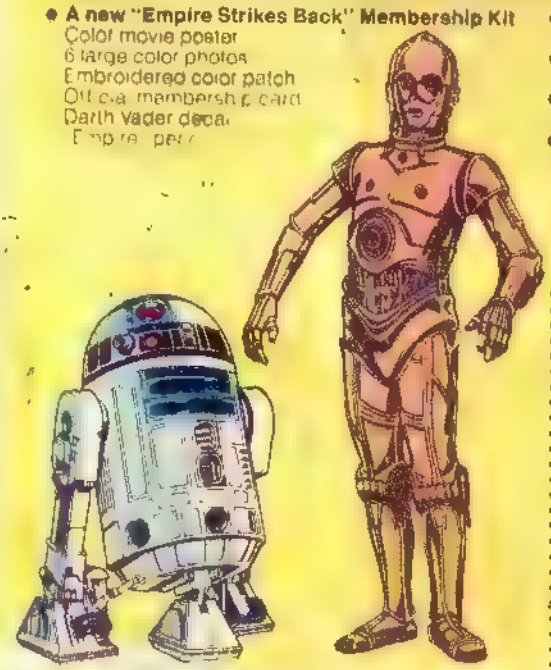

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CAPTAIN ELECTRON was created by STEPHEN DE STEFANO
BUT THE THRILL OF THE DIAL-INDUCED CHARGE QUICKLY VANISHES AS THEIR MISSION BEGINS...
BUT, ABOUT A BLOCK FROM THE SILVER FOG'S LATEST RAMPAGE...
THANK GOODNESS WE FINALLY FOUND FAIRFAX. I TELL YA, CHARLIE, THE KINGS ARE GONNA HAVE OUR HIDES FER BEIN' SO LATE WITH THEIR FURNITURE.
I'M DOOMED.
I'M SETTING UP A WIND STORM... TO BLOW HIM RIGHT BACK WHERE HE CAME FROM!
NO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU FOOL?

STOP! YOU'RE BLOWING ME APART!
THAT'S THE IDEA, FOGGY. --UNNN.
I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS TO ME! STOP-- STOP!
HE'S HURT YOU, VICKI-- I'LL--
I CAN SAVE MYSELF--JUST STOP THE SILVER FOG!
BUT, CAPTAIN ELECTRON'S FIRST BLASTS PASS THROUGH THE SILVER FOG, AND...
OBOY! NOW WE'RE REALLY IN FOR IT, GARY.
YOUR BOLTS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME... THEY PASS HARMLESSLY THROUGH MY INTANGIBLE FOG AND--
SKREAKKK!
WAIT! I FEEL DIFFERENT. PLEASE, LISTEN TO ME. USE YOUR POWERS AGAINST ME AGAIN!
YOU CRAZY? WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
JUST DO AS I ASK PLEASE. YOUR ELECTRON BLAST IS CURING ME.
IF I'M CURED, YOU WON'T HAVE TO BATTLE ME AGAIN.
YES.. I CAN FEEL THE CHANGE... YOU'RE DOING IT... BUT I NEED MORE, POWER--MORE!
ENOUGH! NO MORE... I... I'M IN CONTROL OF MY BODY AGAIN...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND? WHAT HAPPENED?
IT NO LONGER MATTERS, MY FRIEND. YOU CURED ME... AND IN CURING ME, YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
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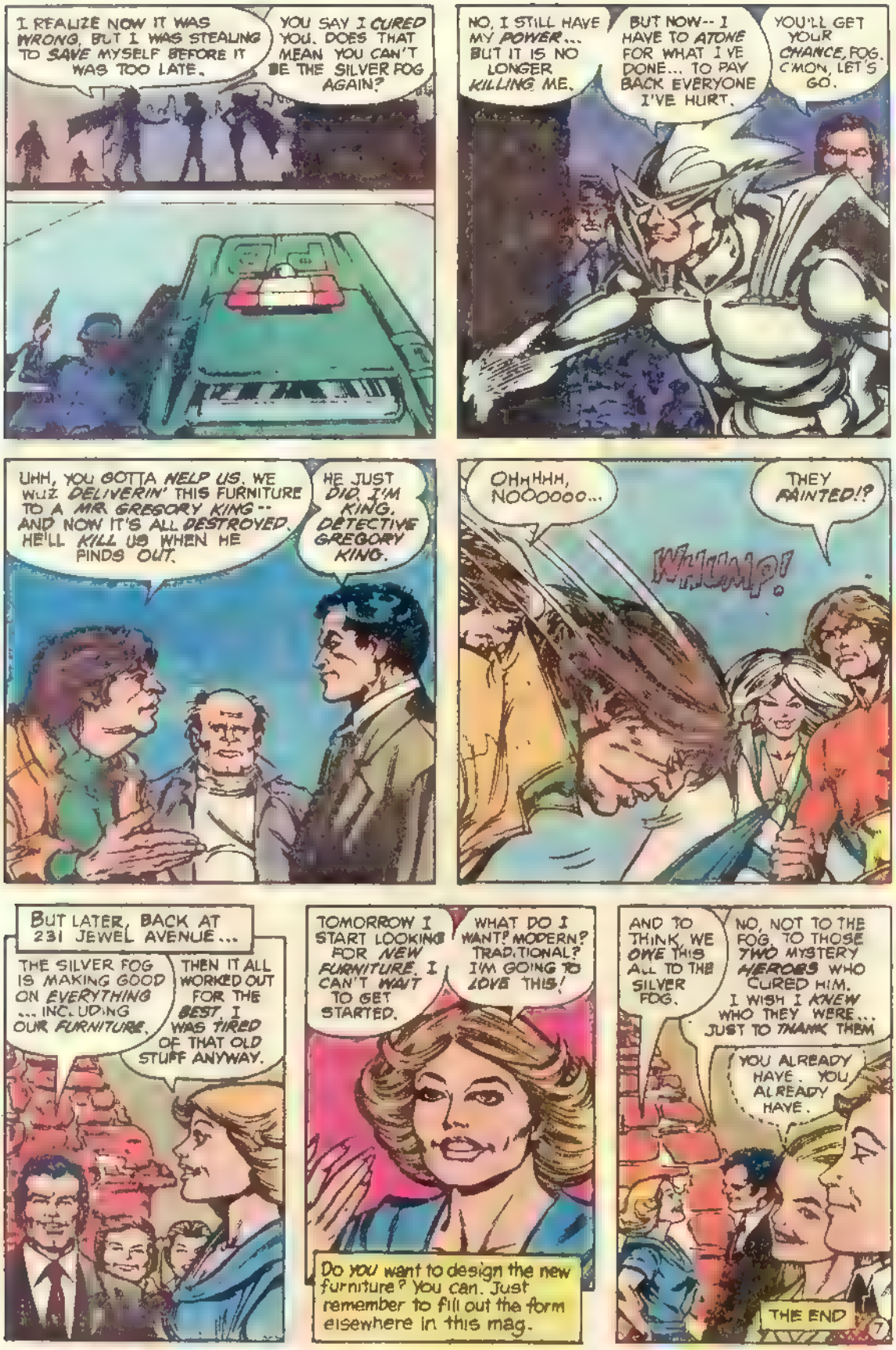
I REALIZE NOW IT WAS WRONG, BUT I WAS STEALING TO SAVE MYSELF BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.
YOU SAY I CURED YOU. DOES THAT MEAN YOU CAN'T BE THE SILVER FOG AGAIN?
NO, I STILL HAVE MY POWER... BUT IT IS NO LONGER KILLING ME.
BUT NOW-- I HAVE TO ATONE FOR WHAT I'VE DONE... TO PAY BACK EVERYONE I'VE HURT.
YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE, FOG. C'MON, LET'S GO.
UHH, YOU GOTTA HELP US. WE WUZ DELIVERIN' THIS FURNITURE TO A MR. GREGORY KING -- AND NOW IT'S ALL DESTROYED. HE'LL KILL US WHEN HE FINDS OUT.
HE JUST DID. I'M KING, DETECTIVE GREGORY KING.
OHHHHH, NOOOOOO...
THEY FAINTED!?
Whew!
BUT LATER, BACK AT 231 JEWEL AVENUE...
THE SILVER FOG IS MAKING GOOD ON EVERYTHING ... INCLUDING OUR FURNITURE.
THEN IT ALL WORKED OUT FOR THE BEST. I WAS TIRED OF THAT OLD STUFF ANYWAY.
TOMORROW I START LOOKING FOR NEW FURNITURE. I CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED.
WHAT DO I WANT? MODERN? TRADITIONAL? I'M GOING TO LOVE THIS!
Do YOU want to design the new furniture? You can. Just remember to fill out the form elsewhere in this mag.
AND TO THINK, WE OWE THIS ALL TO THE SILVER FOG.
NO, NOT TO THE FOG. TO THOSE TWO MYSTERY HEROES WHO CURED HIM. I WISH I KNEW WHO THEY WERE... JUST TO THANK THEM
YOU ALREADY HAVE. YOU ALREADY HAVE.
THE END
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DIAL "L" FOR LETTERS

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It all began with KIDS. Before coming to DC Comics, our Publisher, Ms. Jenette Kahn, first made a major splash in the publishing world with the creation of KIDS MAGAZINE. The concept was an amazing and original one. Although published by Jenette, the entire contents of the magazine was contributed by its readers. The very "kids" the book's title was referring to were the ones who sent in stories, articles and drawings that were published for all the other "kids" to enjoy.

Needless to say, the magazine was a huge success.

Years passed...and now we find Jenette behind the desk as Publisher of DC Comics Inc. But in the back of her mind still floats the "KIDS concept." Jenette kept asking herself just how could this idea be translated into comic book format and still be accepted by the mainstream comic reading and buying audience.

The actual subject matter was a foregone conclusion: Super-Heroes, of course! And they would be suggested by the readers! But how could something such as that be a regular series?

She took the problem to DC Editor Len Wein. After but a moment's thought, Len remembered a Sixties feature that appeared in HOUSE OF MYSTERY. It was called (you might have guessed) "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO" and starred a young boy named ROBBY REED. ROBBY had this dial, you see, and everytime he dialed H-E-R-O, he would find himself transformed into a different hero! Len thought that such a concept would be perfect for the idea that Jenette presented to him.

Jenette agreed, and work began to create a NEW "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO" concept.

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The first thing Len did was to call in his long-time friend and collaborator, scripted Marv Wolfman, whose experience with young heroes is vast indeed. With Jenette's suggestions, the new "DIAL 'H'" was created...and immediately there were problems...

First, if we were going to create a comic that was actually created by our readers, how in the world were we going to BEGIN? Would we have to call a selected group of readers in and have them create the first "DIAL 'H'" heroes here at our offices? We found that suggestion to be impractical (although it WOULD have been exciting, wouldn't it?), so we did the next best thing. Instead of having the fans come to US, we would go to the fans!

Armed with release forms (see our special FEATURE PAGE elsewhere in this issue), Len and Marv began attending various Comicons (Comic Book Conventions) across the U.S. of A., spreading the word about "DIAL 'H'". At the same time, the DC Production Department prepared a special 2-page advertisement announcing the coming of "DIAL 'H'". (How many of you out there guessed that it was Artist George Perez who drew the super-heroic outlines and the t-shirt illustration for that fabulous 2-page "DIAL 'H'" announcement?)

After only a few weeks, the unprecedented began to happen: We began getting flooded with mail for a comic that WE HAD YET TO PUBLISH! From all over the country the mail started to fill our mail room and offices. From age 6 to 51 (really!), people wanted to get in on the "DIAL 'H'" excitement! It was clear already, we had a HIT!

Soon, Editor Wein realized that with all of his other new projects, he would not be able to handle the "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO" book after all. So, realizing that the book was DC's most direct link with it's public, the editorial duties fell to Editor/Public Relations Director, Jack C. Harris, who was just as excited about the whole project as everyone else.

Jack's first duty was to round up suggestions for the "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO" t-shirt. Writer Marv Wolfman had come up with a pair of designs, one of which was liked by everyone from Managing Editor Joe Orlando to the fellows in the mailroom. Production man Todd Klein did the art mechanical for the shirt and, after a few trips down to a Greenwich Village silkscreen firm, DC had its first shipment of "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO" t-shirts. And everyone wanted one! But Publisher Kahn issued a firm resolve: You can only get a "DIAL 'H'" t-shirt (be ye fan OR pro) if you CONTRIBUTE to the "DIAL 'H'" COMIC! The shirts are truly an exclusive item!

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Finally, Editor Harris and Writer Wolfman sat down in the former's office, opened the filled-to-capacity file cabinet and started looking over the first mountain of submissions. It had been decided that the FIRST "DIAL 'H'" story would be a special preview that would appear in (naturally, said Editor Harris) THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES.

After careful selection of what the two believed to be the most exciting and visual characters, Marv went home and typed the first script. It then was delivered to award-winning artist Carmine Infantino for pencilling and then to newcomer Denis Jensen for inking. Denis, by the way, was a "discovery" by our Managing Editor, Joe Orlando, meaning that a few short months ago, Denis was a "fan"—making "DIAL 'H'" a true "fan" comic!

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So there you have it; the HISTORY of "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO." But the history does not stop there. No, it continues—but it will be written by YOU. So, don't just sit there reading this...get out there and "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO"!!!—Jack C. Harris, Editor

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By the way, this page is entitled "DIAL 'L' FOR LETTERS", and that's what we want to see here. Those pieces of mail that contain suggestions for heroes, stories, costumes, etc., should be addressed to "DIAL 'H' FOR HERO", but letters of comments; commenting on the individual stories themselves, should be addressed to the page as shown above. If you want to contribute ideas, don't send 'em to our letters pages—this space reserved for your REACTIONS to the things you've created! Thanks!—JCH.

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